

EMOTIONAL/MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY

GUIDELINES FOR MAKING REQUEST FOR GED TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

Note: These guidelines are to be used solely for the purpose of completing the GED Forms. In accordance with both federal and state regulations, it is the position of the GED Testing Service, that accommodations for eligible students with disabilities must be based upon their unique needs rather than on disability labels.

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Problem	Possible Accommodations	Professional Diagnostician	Documentation Needed
Examples of conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schizophrenia• Depression• Bipolar Disorder• Disabling Anxiety**• Extensive Medication (antipsychotic of other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private Testing• Frequent supervised breaks• Extended time• ** It is important to remember that taking the GED Test is anxiety-producing for almost everyone; a range of anxious response is normal. Only those whose anxiety is medically disabling may request adaptations—needing an occasional mild tranquilizer is not sufficient to justify additional time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Doctor• Clinical Psychologist• Neuropsychologist• Psychiatrist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed EMH request form.• Letter on official letterhead, signed by the medical doctor, psychiatrist, psychologist, that includes the following;<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diagnosis of the disability• Level of impairment• History• DSM-IV Code• List of the functional limitation(s) Caused by the disability• Requested accommodations(s)• Rational for accommodations(s)